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SUBJ: GOI RESPONDS TO CHARGES OF CIA TIES

1. LOK SABHA COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (CPI) MEMBERS
BHOGENDRA JHA, C.K. CHANDRAPPAN, AND S.M. BANERJEE JOINED
BY CONGRESS MEMBER B.V. NAIK ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT IN
AN APRIL 28 DEBATE FOR LAXITY IN INVESTIGATING ALLEGED CIA
FUNDING OF INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS. CITING THE REPORT BY
THE U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, THE INDIAN
LEGISLATORS CHARGED THE BIHAR BASED VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR
RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AVARD), ALLEGEDLY FUNDED BY CIA, WITH
LAWLESSNESS, LLOT AND ARSON. THE USIS EDUCATION SEMINAR
AT JAIPUR ON DEC 5 AND 6, 1975 WAS BY IMPLICATION LINKED
TO THE CIA. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS BRANDED INCLUDED THE
WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE, INDIAN ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH, MORAL
REARMAMENT ASSOCIATION, AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.
JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN'S ROLE IN THE CONGRESS FOR CULTURAL
FREEDOM AND MORARJI DESAI'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INDIAN
ASSEMBLY FOR YOUTH WERE ALSO MENTIONED.

2. IN HIS REPLY TO THE CHARGES, DEPUTY HOME MINISTER
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F.H. MOSHIN SAID: QUOTE: I DO NOT DENY THE SCOPE OF THE

CIA OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN ORGANIZATION IN INTRUDING UPON THE POLITICAL LIFE OF A COUNTRY LIKE OURS..BUT THE MATTER NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE IS REGARDING SOME PARTICULAR ORGANIZATIONS...WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT THIS ORGANIZATION (WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE) RECEIVED ANY FINANCIAL AID FROM THE CIA EXCEPT OF COURSE THAT TI APPEARED IN THE PRESS...WE CANNOT ACT UPON WHAT APPEARED IN THE PRESS. WE MUST HAVE CANDID INFORMATION. ANYWAY WE ARE KEEPING THESE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER WATCH. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE LINKING OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND CIA ACTIVITIES. END QUOTE.

3. THE DEPUTY MINISTER ADDED THAT THE ACCOUNTS OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AVARD) ARE BEING SEIZED AND SCRUTINIZED BY THE HOME TAX DEPARTMENT. HE CONCLUDED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BILL WOULD ENSURE THAT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS COMING INTO INDIA WOULD NOT BE DIVERTED FOR SUBVERSIVE PURPOSES.

4. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE DEPUTY MINISTER RESPONDED TO THE HIGHLY POLEMICAL ATTACKS WITH RESTRAINT. HAD IT BEEN THE GOI INTENT TO BE CRITICAL, THE PLATFORM OFFERED BY THE CPI CRITICS WOULD HAVE SERVED ADMIRABLY FOR A GNEERAL DENUNCIATION OF THE CIA AND THE USG.
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